

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on July 23, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Evertson, Coleman, Fossand, Robinson and Porter were present. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Electric Superintendent Hinton, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, City Administrator Dean, City Treasurer Brower and City Clerk Terrill. The public was represented.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is on record at the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Porter called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

The Board of Public Works reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of June 25, 2019;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from June 2019; and
4. Financial Reports from June 2019.

Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packet. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Spud Rowley, Kimball Recycle Center, presented the Board with an update. Rowley advised that everything has been going well with the City picking up the bins. Rowley added that he will put out 40 more bins before December. Robinson asked how many more bins they could handle. Rowley stated that if they had the finances, in-kind hours and the labor force, they could handle unlimited bins. Rowley with through a slide show of pictures to show the Board the materials they have received and the volunteers helping sort the materials.

Porter opened discussion to remove approving the fence at the Wastewater Treatment Plant from the table. Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to remove approving the fence from the table. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Dean advised the Board that they would need to table the discussion to the August meeting as Wastewater Superintendent Quicke is not here again and still needs some clarity on the estimates. Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to table the discussion on the fence at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the August meeting. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider waiving the Landfill fees for the Longhorn renovation project. Shane Hays addressed the Board asking to have the disposal fees waived. Hays estimated that cost to the City would be \$10,000 - \$15,000. Hays also stated his other request is to have the City install the new electrical lines and meters. Porter stated that the City would have had to eat the cost of the Landfill fees if the City had to demolish the building. Robinson moved and seconded by Fossand to approve waiving the Landfill fees for the Longhorn renovation. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to review the 2019/2020 FY utility budgets. Porter asked Sisk if the \$50,000 for the VFD's is included in his \$80,000. Sisk said that it was. Porter asked Dean about the carport at the WWTP. Dean said that the WWTP shows \$80,000 in the negative but will have to contact the Auditor to see what he says. Dean went on to say that the Auditor will say it is fine or to transfer the money from somewhere. Discussion was held on where money would be transferred from if every department is showing negative. Coleman stated that then we start stealing from the reserves to pay for current expenses, slowly depleting the reserves. Dean said the he doesn't believe the departments will end in the negative because they won't spend 100% of the budget.

Coleman addressed the Power Plant asking if it is worth maintaining. Discussion was held on the money that has already been put into it and the importance of having the Plant.

Discussion was held on eventually having to replace transformers at the substation.

Coleman asked to have a Balance Sheet monthly with the other financials.

Coleman asked if there was anything budgeted for the aging sewer lines. Sisk said that there is \$68,000 for those repairs.

After further discussion, Robinson moved and seconded by Coleman to schedule a budget workshop for August 5, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Power Plant: Terrill advised have been changing oil and air filters on the Cooper. He added that he is still working on the website and doing the IT work for the City.

Electric: Replacing the primary line on Mary Lynch Road, Vista and Evergreen.

Landfill: Pumping a lot of water last couple of months.

Water: Doing maintenance, replacing curb stops, and flushing hydrants. All three wells working now.

Administrator: No proposals on the liner repair at the Landfill, had company contact us with an alternate process than what was advertised.

Next regular meeting will be August 27, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. Evertson advised she would not be able to attend due to work training. With there being no further discussion, Robinson moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Chairperson

City Clerk